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CONDUCTOR AND CORRESPONDING DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

A New Abstract is found on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.